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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This communication is being filed in response to the Non-Final Office Action that the Patent Office mailed on June 15, 2011 (the Office Action) in connection with the above-identified application. The time set for filing a response to the Office Action will expire on September 15, 2011. Therefore, this amendment is timely filed.